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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
SUBJECT : PRM 10

1. I have reviewed the draft terms of reference for PRM 10 distributed on 2 March, and in general concur. The Intelligence Community will give support of PRM 10 its highest priority.

2. In order for this study to be completed within the deadlines established, it will be necessary for the Working Groups to define as precisely as possible the specific supporting work they will require. I therefore urge that they take as their first task the preparation of detailed outlines, before task forces are formed and extensive drafting begins.

3. We note that the study is cast in traditional terms of US/USSR confrontation in traditional areas. It would be useful if the Working Groups would give some of their attention to ways of breaking out of this framework. Otherwise, the final study is likely to produce a range of force postures quite similar to those of previous studies.

4. The multiplicity of contingencies (Para. IIB2) may hinder rather than help a net force posture assessment. The second sentence of that paragraph might better be worded; The following kinds of contingencies

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might be considered: (Final selection to be made by Force Posture Working Group).

5. In the same paragraph, the presently most worrisome "limited conflict on the flanks of Europe" would be one involving Soviet or Warsaw Pact intervention in Yugoslavia. This might be made explicit, as might some reference to China, however low we rate its present threat.

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